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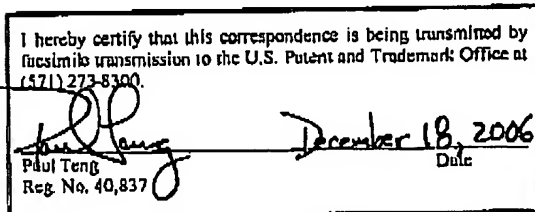
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- Group I - claims 1-10 and 23-46, drawn to an ink cartridge, classified in Class 347, subclass 86;
- Group II - claims 13-15, drawn to an ink refilling method, classified in class 347, subclass 85;
- Group III - claim 16, drawn to a manufacturing method of an ink cartridge, classified in class 29, subclass 890.01;
- Group IV - claim 17, drawn to a recycling method of an ink cartridge, classified in class 264, subclass 36.1; and